

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF MARCH 22, 2006
(Approved April 26, 2006)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on March 22, 2006. Attending the meeting were Connie Megay and Robert F. Preston, East Coventry Township; Greg Lignelli and Bernard Gladieux, Jr., Douglass Township; Ralph Fluharty and Kurt Zebrowski, New Hanover Township; John Gambino, West Pottsgrove Township; Steve Klotz, Lower Pottsgrove Township; Megan DeLena and Elwood Taylor, Upper Pottsgrove Township; and Bud Jenschke and Andy Paravis (via telephone), North Coventry Township.

John Cover – Montgomery County Planning Commission

Bonnie L. Frisco – Recording Secretary

1. Welcome and Meeting Called to order.

Mr. Cover called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Review of February Minutes

Mr. Klotz moved to approve the February 22, 2006 minutes as amended. Mrs. Megay seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Minutes to be amended to omit Items 8-12 that were not applicable to this meeting.

3. Old Business

Treasurer's Update

Mr. Jenschke supplied a Treasurers' update noting that the balance in the account is \$10,500.11.

Municipal Officials Training

It was agreed that Mr. Cover would train managers and other appropriate personnel on an individual basis. It was noted that attempting to gather a large group for training could prove to be difficult.

Recording Secretary's Pay Structure

The Planning Committee was supplied with a memo from the East Coventry Township Manager regarding pay structure of the Recording Secretary. There was a brief discussion and it was suggested the Recording Secretary be paid through East Coventry Township's payroll system and Mr. Preston noted he would take the recommendation to the East Coventry Township Board of Supervisors.

4. New Business

Regional Planning Committee Letterhead

The group agreed to use Example "C" for the Regional Planning Committee's letterhead.

Public Comment Policy

There were concerns noted about the lack of public of comment. It was decided that prior to motions and decisions being made the public would be asked for comment.

There was a brief discussion regarding the amount of money requested from each borough/municipality for contribution to the Regional Planning Committee. Mr. Klotz moved to request from each borough/municipality \$2,000 for the Montgomery County Planning Commission, \$1,000 for administration and \$1,000 for legal defense with a total of \$4,000. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Boyd Gaming Corporation

There was a discussion regarding the proposed casino in Limerick Township. Concerns were noted regarding the impact the proposed casino would have on surrounding communities. Impacts including traffic, emergency services, housing, etc. Mr. Paravis noted he had filed an application to be a party at the public hearing that will be held in April. It was noted that Montgomery County would receive monies as a result of the casino but Chester County would not receive any.

It was agreed that Mr. Cover and Mr. Paravis would draft a letter regarding discussed concerns surrounding the proposed casino and the letter will be distributed among the members for comment and approval.

5. Municipal Updates

Mr. Preston noted that East Coventry Township is making amendments to the zoning ordinance. Mr. Fluharty noted that New Hanover had a zoning change from 1 acre to 2 acre requirements. Mr. Gambino noted that West Pottsgrove Township had received a plan for some single-family dwellings and they are updating their zoning laws. Mr. Paravis noted that the North Coventry Mall is proposing a 20,000 square foot expansion.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Klotz moved to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Mr. Fluharty seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary

